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FROM DYESS FOR HARRY J. HAYES - DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

SUBJ: RE BELOGORSK

1. AT THE CONFERENCE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1973 ON THE BELOGORSK I DID NOT MAKE THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO ME IN THE TYPED PARAGRAPH ATTACHED TO YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 3, 1973, TO ME, THE TYPED PARAGRAPH YOU DESCRIBE IN YOUR LETTER AS "A COPY OF THAT PORTION OF THEIR STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE." AT THE CONFERENCE, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION RAISED BY ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS -- I DO NOT REMEMBER WHICH ONE -- AS TO THE MEANING OF "ZAPRYBROMRAZVEDKA," I TRANSLITERATED THE WORD INTO CYRILLIC CHARACTERS AND EXPLAINED THAT IT PROBABLY WAS AN ACRONYM OF SOME SORT. I MADE NO REMARKS ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE LEGAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ZAPRYBROMRAZVEDKA AND SOVRYBFLOT, AND I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, MAY BE. IN ANY CASE, THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION WAS NOT BASED IN ANY WAY UPON MY REMARKS.

2. I WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD AT THE CONFERENCE, SAT
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QUITE APART FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND MADE NO STATEMENT

ON THEIR BEHALF. I AM NOT AN INTERPRETER, AND I ATTENDED

THE CONFERENCE AS AN INTERESTED PARTY AS THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF BILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE OFFICE OF SOVIET UNION AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. IN REGARD TO THE XEROX COPY OF "ANNEX B" ATTACHED TO YOUR LETTER, THE RUSSIAN WORD IN ROMAN CAPITAL LETTERS, "ZAPRYBROMRAZVEDKA", AND THE TRANSLITERATION OF THAT WORD INTO RUSSIAN SCRIPT IMMEDIATELY ABOVE, IS IN MY HANDWRITING, AS IS MY TELEPHONE NUMBER "632-2071" AT THE EXTREME UPPER RIGHTHAND CORNER OF THE ZEROXED PAGE. NOTHING ELSE THAT APPEARS ON THAT ZEROXED PAGE IS IN MY HANDWRITING NOR DO I KNOW THE ORIGIN OF ANY OF THE OTHER MARKINGS ON THAT PAGE.

(SIGNED) WILLIAM J. DYESS

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